

**Advisory Commission on the Environment**  
**Minutes of Meeting**  
**December 15, 2004**

Commissioners Present: Rita Kornblum, Mark Mitchell, June Lyons, Stephen Hesse

Commissioners Excused: Robert Pandolfo

Commissioners Absent: Richard Parmlee, Jeannie Webb Chaves, Eddie Morales

Staff Present: Nancy Noli

Guests: Sally Nyron, MDC

**I. Call to Order**

**II. Minutes**

Minutes were not approved for lack of a quorum.

**III. Old Business**

**1. Sewage Treatment Plant/Chlorine – Sally Nyron**

Ms. Nyron answered questions about the use and storage of Chlorine gas at the sewage treatment plant as a disinfectant during the spring and summer months. They have considered other options, such as a bleach solution or UV light, but they believe that usage of chlorine gas is the best disinfectant option. The volume of sewage disinfected is too great to consider UV light, and the volume of bleach needed would be too much to transport by truck. Weight prohibitions and transportation would be a problem. EPA does not recommend this. Safety training is offered to employees (OSHA regulations). Risk scenario meetings are held to discuss what if there is a leak. Tanks are outside. Security monitors are used. Tours are by appointment only. Risk Management plans are submitted to EPA. If there is an emergency release, people will be advised to stay in their homes. MDC will coordinate with Hartford to respond. MDC has practiced their response with the West Hartford emergency response teams. They have not been able to get Hartford to practice. HPD, DEP and MDC should be working together. Fortunately, no leaks have been reported since 1969.

Dr. Mitchell said it would be valuable to visit the site and suggested emergency sirens. Sally Nyron said the Fire Department and emergency services should be coordinated.

A motion was made by Rita Kornblum to contact Katherine McCormack and invite her to come and speak regarding emergency response.

## **2. Revised Ordinance and Bylaws**

Commissioner Pnadolfo prepared a draft of a new set of ACOTE Bylaws. A vote will be taken at the next meeting regarding changes to by-laws needed to coordinate with the new ordinance passed by City Council.

## **IV. Recommendations to City for State Legislative Agenda**

Dr. Mitchell is requesting the City lobby for clean diesel usage, conversion of major city streets to State Roads, so that the state would pay to maintain them, and to support the environmentally overburdened communities legislation. A letter will be sent to the Mayor and Councilmembers.

Nancy Noli will find out the Councilmember responsible for legislative matters.

Steve motioned to send the letter to Mayor and Council and June O'Neil seconded the motion. All present voted to support the motion.

## **V. Schedule of Meetings for 2005**

Rita made a motion to move the meetings to the last week during the month. June Lyons seconded the motion. All present voted to support the motion.

The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting is January 26, 2005.